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SUBJECT: SECOND THREAT LETTER RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OFFICER

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1. (SBU) On August 29, 2005 Embassy Deputy Political Officer Charles Blaha received a threatening letter, written in Arabic, similar to the letter received by post's Political Military Counselor (then Acting DCM) (reftel) on August 22, 2005. The letter was received by Blaha through the embassy mail room on August 24 or 25, but was not opened until August 29. The letter was post marked August 20 from Ataturk airport in Istanbul. The letter was sent using an envelope from the "Swiss Hotel - The Bosphorus", in Istanbul. The letter was addressed to:

Mr. Charles BLAHA  
Ataturk Bulvari. No.110  
Kavaklidere  
Ankara

2. (SBU) The following is a translation of the letter.

In the Name of God the Beneficent and Merciful

"Kill them and God will punish them with your hands. He will bring dishonor to them and let you triumph over them. The legions of believers will see (this happen) and the wrath of their hearts will go forth. God will forgive those he deems worthy, and God is just to them."

"For the flag of Jihad will be raised, waving over Turkey, to marshal you one by one in city after city...and the martyrs have actually prepared for you this time especially...they will hunt down your wives and your children (sons) in their homes and in their schools wherever they are...and there will be no safe place for you in this country or in any other country in the world..."

"And our date (date of the Mujahidin to take action) is (coming) soon...very soon".

3. (SBU) The letter was in Kufi type written font using Modern Standard Arabic. The dialect appears to be someone native to Saudi-Gulf Arabic. As in the first letter, the author appears to be someone who has a religious vocabulary and studies the Quran.

4. (SBU) RSO has forwarded the envelope and letter to the Turkish National Police Intelligence Division for further investigation. Because of the reference to the school the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI) has been briefed on the threat. The DODDs school which is located on Balgat base opened today for the new school year. RSO will also brief other schools where Embassy children are enrolled in the coming days.

5. (SBU) Point of contact is RSO Janet Sabo at 90-312-455-5555 ext. 2348.

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